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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 10:53 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: FW: Polar Bears

Matt Cronin who wrote this positive letter was appointed to your Board of Forestry end of July.

We can have Tara get a positive letter thanking him for his point of view as well.

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 10:28 AM
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Subject: Polar Bears

This guy was re-appointed to the Board of Forestry this year...

Palin quite correct in opposing endangered listing for polar bears

Gov. Sarah Palin justified her opposition to listing polar bears under the Endangered Species Act in the Daily News ("Alaska takes seriously its job of protecting polar bears," Dec. 18). She believes polar bears should be conserved, but ESA is not the way to address climate change. Her position was criticized by Kassie Siegel (Dec. 24), Diane Pleninger (Dec. 26) and Jean Kollantai (Jan. 3). I agree with Gov. Palin that it is inappropriate to use the ESA of one country for one species to address global climate change.

Also, consider the role of federal and state government. Pleninger believes the state has no decision-making role for ESA. It is true that federal biologists have monopolized the writing, reviewing and editing of ESA documents, but states are supposed to get special consideration and all citizens can participate.

Federal jurisdiction is actually inappropriate considering the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution:

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Wildlife management is properly relegated to the states. The ESA is sometimes justified under the interstate commerce clause of the Constitution, but this is contrived. Regardless, in the United States, polar bears occur in only one state, Alaska, so even the ICC justification is invalid in this case. The governor is doing her duty by exercising state jurisdiction.

-- Matthew A. Cronin
Anchorage

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 3:58 AM
To: Michael Tibbles; Mike Nizich; Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: barbara.thompson@alaska.gov; Beth Leschper; Karen Rehfeld; Larry Hartig; Randy Ruaro; rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov; Sean Parnell; Talis Colberg; Tom Irwin; Allison Nyholm; Larry Persily; Sam Bishop; Emil Notti; Joseph Schmidt; Pat Galvin; Leo von Scheben; Walt Monegan; Denby Lloyd; Anna Kim; Annette Kreitzer; Cora Crome; Joseph Balash; Kris Perry; Lynne Smith; Russ Kelly; Karleen Jackson; 'Clark C Bishop'; Craig Campbell
Subject: Federal Issues List for 2008/DC Governor's Office

Below for your information and review is our proposed federal issues list for 2008.

The list includes issues pending before congress and various federal agencies. The list has been revised from its 2007 counterpart to reflect legislative and executive branch activity last year. In addition, we have included items that are likely to receive attention in 2008. Of course, issues will be added or deleted during the course of the year as further activity occurs.

The annual task of formulating the list forces us to the discipline of identifying those federal issues which will most affect Alaska. Another purpose is to generate discussion within the administration to ensure that we have selected those issues which are of greatest significance to the cabinet, special assistants, and you.

With this in mind, we would appreciate any comments or suggestions which you or others might have.

Federal Issues List - 2008

(not in priority order)

DC Governor's Office

- Federal appropriations and grants, including policy riders
- Gas pipeline including AGIA applications and process
- Oil pipeline integrity and corrosion; North Slope infrastructure
- Federal oil and gas leasing, NPR-A and offshore
- Energy legislation/ANWR
- Endangered Species Act reviews and decisions, including polar bears, beluga whales, etc.
- Amendments to 1872 mining law
- Climate change legislation
- Offshore aquaculture legislation
- Tongass Land Management Plan adoption and implementation
- Wetlands regulation by EPA, Corps of Engineers
- Coastal erosion - villages
- Federal review of U.S. Arctic policy

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- Increase in bonding cap for qualified veterans mortgage bonds
- Exemption for state-operated student loan programs from certain new laws for private lenders
- Arctic Council
- Customs and Border protection's interpretation of cruise ship rules
- Telecommunications issues (FCC action on rural subsidy Universal Service Fund)
- FAA reauthorization
- Shipping risk assessments and Coast Guard presence
- Real ID
- Homeland security, natural disasters
- Exemption for fishing and recreational boats from EPA permits
- King Cove-Cold Bay land trade legislation
- Farm bill provisions benefiting Alaska fishermen
- Legislation to control invasive species
- Marine Mammal Protection Act reauthorization
- Coastal Zone Management Act reauthorization
- Ocean policy legislation
- Amendments to fishery law concerning freezer-longliner cooperative, American Fisheries Act vessel rebuild, etc.
- Annette Island reservation boundary expansion
- Federal subsistence management
- Federal land planning and ANILCA implementation
- Federal legislation to restrict state predator control
- Public access and federal use fees
- Landscape legislation
- Federal appointments
- Pandemic flu
- Village safe water programs
- Federal re-entry legislation
- GAO letter and report on Medicaid; Medicaid reform
- Medicare reimbursement rates
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- State Children's Health Insurance Program
- Workforce Investment Act
- Reauthorization of No Child Left Behind
- Tribal jurisdiction
- Rural Justice Commission, including alcohol interdiction
- Denali Commission - assist with DC efforts
- Federal contracting for ANCSA corporations
- National Governors Association, Western Governors Association, and Republican Governors Association

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 3:52 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Nikiski beach access

Governor, Mike
FYI

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Long story short the feds HLS folks contacted the US Coast Guard to see if they can work something out to ease up on the restrictions and still get acceptable security measures in place without denying the beach access to residents. That meeting will take place in the next week or so but for now it sounds like HLS feels that there may be a workable solution. I will stay on it.

Mike

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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 10:09 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Food

We'll get veggies and fruit for the girls. I'll look into setting up an account at El Sombrero, it shouldn't be a problem. I think it will really be good for Willow to jump right into Hoop Time!! I'm excited for you and the girls to get to Juneau. I'll be praying for you and your family!! Thanks, Erika

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-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 8:12 AM
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)
Cc: 'fek9wnr@yahoo.com'
Subject: Food

Pls get fresh fruit and veggies for our return on friday- Todd may contact you with anything else - but our goal will be to have healthy foods there for the girls and as little processed foods as possible. Thanks! Willow may FINALLY be getting happy about her return to DZ - Piper is totally excited to get back there! So am I!

Do we have an account at El Sombrero's? May we?

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From: Stroman, Ronald A (DOT) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RASTROMAN]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 8:50 AM
To: Mike Holzman
Cc: Richards; Frank T (DOT); Von Scheben; Leo (DOT); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Neuman; Mark A (LAA); Dick LeFebvre; Michael A Cirillo; Huggins; Charlie (LAA); Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Thompson; Richard B (DNR)
Subject: RE: Willow Lake meeting

Good morning Mr. Holzman

You are correct we are holding a workshop on Tuesday, the 8th from 6PM to 8PM to work on the Willow Lake use plan. And yes, the department has the authority under applicable statute to "take" property as you say under the aegis of safety of aviation. While this is an option available to the department (it's available for acquisition of lands for roads, utilities, trails, public facilities, etc) the department has looked directly at this scenario and has determined that it is not in the best interest of the State to formally establish runways on the lake because to do so would require runways being established on all water bodies owned or operated by the State, thus we are not going to pursue this option. You asked if the State's "taking" would impact non-lake front owners. Yes, it could. Not only is there a transitional surface that affects those immediately on the lake but the approaches (safety areas) extend beyond the end of each runway to approximately 1,000 feet with a width of approximately 500" (250' to either side of runway centerline). This distance could be increased depending on category of navigational aid or aircraft. Because the department will not pursue acquisition of private property to support runways on the lake, we have not asked our engineers to give us a detailed plat showing what lands could be affected.

I appreciate your suggestion Mike about giving the management authority over the lake back to DNR. As you are aware, the State has committed the entire airport holdings under a federal grant; Federal Aviation Administration, Airport Improvement Program. Under this program, the State signed a "grant assurances" document that requires the State to uphold all the provisions of the grant. One such provision is that we not take or permit any action which would deprive the department of any of the rights and powers necessary to perform any or all of the terms, conditions, and assurances in the grant agreement. It goes on to say that the department will not transfer or dispose of our title or other interest in the property that has been committed under the grant. Further, we are party to contracts (leases) with aviation users on the lake that DNR hasn't authority (they don't have authority under statute to operate an aviation facility, that right falls under DOT under AS 02 Aeronautics).

You mentioned that DOT has few choices to maintain safety but many requirements and liabilities. While this is true, we are trying to establish a parity and mutual respect between lake users. I believe that there are options and alternatives that may not give everyone, whether aviation or recreational, the same freedom of actions as once they enjoyed but sufficient freedom of use that everyone will continue to be able to use and enjoy the lake but be more cognizant of other categories of use. This is where a lake use plan comes into effect. The attainment of success will be dependant on everyone working together and not at cross purposes.

I've checked with Central Region and was told that the letters were mailed December 31st. The public notices were distributed the same day. I've attached a copy of the draft plan. Thanks for taking the time to write me and expressing your views. See you at the meeting.

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From: Mike Holzman [mailto:mikeholzman@alaska.net]

Sent: Friday, January 04, 2008 12:23 PM

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Cc: Richards, Frank T (DOT); Von Scheben, Leo (DOT); Ruaro, Randall P (GOV); Neuman, Mark A (LAA); Dick LeFebvre; Michael A Cirillo; Huggins, Charlie (LAA); Palin, Sarah H (GOV); Thompson, Richard B (DNR)

Subject: Willow Lake meeting

Mr. Stroman

I understand you are having a meeeting Jan. 8, 2008 ref. Willow Lake. One of the main issues for property owners is that you and Mr. Von scheben indicated in letters and E-mails that DOT, STILL maintains authority to TAKE property from land owners under SAFETY OF AVIATION. Beings this is the situation. I'm understanding that this threat exists on all properties on the Lake. The question will be asked if this threat pertains to any properties off the Lake and specifically which ones? Could you please answer this question?

Mr. Stroman, I still maintain a request that you cease all negotiations for a Lake Plan on Willow Lake. You are indicating to property owners that they have many choices and options to this Lake plan. If DOT Authority is maintained under SAFETY OF AVIATION as you and Mr Von Scheben have indicated the choices DOT has are few, and your REQUIREMENTS and LIABILITIES are many.

May I suggest, that DOT REVISIT THE POSSIBILITY of Authority of Willow Lake reverting back to DNR UNDER GENERAL USE as this type of Authority is much more flexible. It would cure many of the obvious problems. It definetely would be less expensive for DOT and property owners. Your leases CAN BE MAINTAINED under DNR. Check with them, and the Feds. WE DID.

You might step back and take a look as to what is in the best interest, and best use of Willow Lake, for the Community of Willow, and the State NOW and in the FUTURE. I believe you will see that GENERAL USE is this BEST INTEREST of the public

Thank you for your time, and see you at the meeting.

Mike R. Holzman

Aviation; Retired

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P.S. I didn't receive notice from DOT for this meeting. Don't you have notice and time requirements to fulfill to even have meetings that WILL have impact on the Public? This is exactly, one of the problems on how DOT acquired Authority in 1964, the public process is suppose to have TRANSPARENCY.

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Mike

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Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 11:53 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Law School and Governor Hickel

Dear Governor Palin,

Governor Hickel has arranged to bring a group of people to my office on Wednesday to discuss his hopes for a law school in Alaska. I know you had asked me about this before. Have you taken a position on this? Please let me know. Thanks Talis

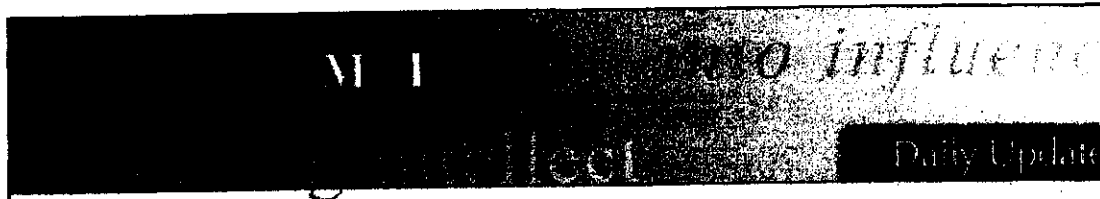
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 10:01 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Manhattan Institute Daily Update

From: Manhattan Institute [mailto:tml@manhattan-institute.org]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 6:41 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Manhattan Institute Daily Update



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ARTICLES**Immigration is Not Black and White**

Tamar Jacoby, *Dallas Morning News*, January 7, 2008

(This article originally appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, 1-2-2008)

You've heard it all a dozen times. That the public is virulently anti-immigrant. That political leaders - including President Bush and the senators from both parties who voted last summer to overhaul the immigration system - are hopelessly out of touch with this angry tide. That millions of people across the country are going to vote on the basis of their fury. . . The only problem: It isn't so. The situation isn't nearly so black and white. . .

A Simpler Alternative to Congestion Pricing

Hope Cohen, *Gotham Gazette*, January 7, 2008

Mayor Michael Bloomberg's proposal for "congestion pricing" - a fee imposed on driving in Manhattan's central business district during prime hours - has made it safe at last to discuss traffic solutions that were previously off limits. Just last week, City Hall announced a crackdown on the official placards that allow tens of thousands of public employees to park free on the street - a topic long avoided by those in charge. . .

Ahead of the Curve

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Julia Vitullo-Martin, *New York Post*, January 6, 2008

Has any other well-known architect ever had to endure as much abuse from haughty critics as Morris Lapidus (1902-2001), designer of such hotels as the Fontainebleau in Miami and the Metropolitan (now Doubletree) in New York? . . .

NYPD's historic feat should quiet critics

Heather Mac Donald, *New York Daily News*, January 6, 2008

New York City just ended 2007 with the lowest number of murders - below 500 - since 1963, the last year exact comparisons are possible. This homicide drop, from a high of 2,245 in 1990, is unmatched anywhere in the country or in the annals of policing. It is long past time for New Yorkers to acknowledge the debt that they owe to their police force. . .

Due To Ex-spire

Julia Vitullo-Martin, *New York Post*, January 6, 2008

New York's historic houses of worship are under attack, with a dozen slated to be demolished this year. While neighborhoods battle the trend, which has its roots in soaring maintenance costs and declining church attendance, preservationists say they have no way of knowing that a house of worship is endangered until the scaffolding rises or a public dispute erupts. . .

A Question for Hillary

Tarren Bragdon, *Wall Street Journal*, January 5, 2008

Sen. Hillary Clinton is running for president, in part, on a platform that calls for more government health care. So let's ask a question that may hit a little too close to home: Why does New York spend more on Medicaid -- a health-care program for the poor -- than every other state but still have a larger portion of its population walking around without health insurance than states that spend far less? Last year, New York spent \$48 billion on Medicaid. That amounts to about \$2,100 for every man, woman and child. Yet 13.5% of the state's population lacks health insurance. . . Over the past decade, the state has attempted to reduce the number of uninsured residents by expanding eligibility for government-sponsored health care. This approach is not solving the uninsured problem. . .

A second chance for former inmates

Stephen Goldsmith and William B. Eimicke, *San Diego Union Tribune*, January 4, 2008

Approximately 750,000 prisoners gained their freedom in 2007. This staggering number reflects a fourfold increase, since 1980, in the number of people incarcerated, and a twelvefold increase, in almost that period of time, in the number of drug-related convictions, due to more vigorous enforcement and the adoption of severe drug laws and strict sentencing. With the U.S. Sentencing Commission's recent loosening of its guidelines, an additional 20,000 offenders convicted of selling or possessing small amounts of cocaine are likely to be released in 2008. . .

BOOK REVIEWS

Intellectual's Survival Guide

Nicole Gelinas, *City Journal Online*, January 4, 2008

(Review of *Worst-Case Scenarios*, by Cass R. Sunstein)

Cass Sunstein's intensely complex *Worst-Case Scenarios* explores how we should assess the risks of disasters, from abrupt global warming to nuclear attack, and craft our response to the risks. Sunstein doesn't clearly answer whether it's worth, say, launching a full-scale invasion of Pakistan to prevent its nukes from falling into terrorists' hands, or spending \$50 billion to restore barrier islands and protect the southern coastline of the U.S. from tremendous hurricanes. Rather, his book is a useful warning to be wary of those who seem to have all the answers--because such answers, even when considered

within the most elegant theoretical frameworks, only raise more questions. . .

WEB MAGAZINES

PointofLaw.com

Delaware panel to probe surge in asbestos filings

Posted by **Walter Olson**

Judge James T. Vaughn Jr. of Delaware Superior Court, described as the state's top judge, has appointed a panel to investigate business complaints of a flood of out-of-state asbestos claims into the state of Delaware. "James A. Wolfe, the state Chamber's president and chief executive officer, noted that there were 62 cases -- nearly all alleging exposure in Delaware -- on the court's docket in 2004. But between May 2005 and Sept. 30 of this year, 577 more cases were filed -- 445 by nonresidents who largely allege they were exposed to asbestos in another state". . .

MindingTheCampus.com

Northwestern Makes The Cold War Disappear

Herbert London, January 7, 2008

In order to fulfill the requirements for a major in history at Northwestern University, my daughter took a course called "The Cold War At Home." As one might imagine in the hothouse of the college system, left wing views predominate. The students read Ellen Shrecker, not Ronald Radosh. Joseph McCarthy has been transmogrified into Adolf Hitler. And victimology stands as the overarching theme of the course. . .

City Journal

Time on Putin's Side, Andre Glucksman, January 4, 2008

Time knows that many will find its choice of Vladimir Putin for Man of the Year shocking--but any publicity is good publicity! The magazine presents a peremptory defense: the Man of the Year "is not a boy scout," he is not a democrat, but he numbers among the very powerful, those who shape the world's destiny "for better or for worse". . .

MedicalProgressToday.com

Marketing = Bad?

Posted by **Paul Howard**

There is a line of argument in some policy circles -- and amongst quite a few public health advocates -- that the pharmaceutical industry spends too much time and money promoting "me too" drugs that aren't any better than cheap generic alternatives. . . This dubious claim, which has been around for a very long time, got another plug this week when Canadian researchers published a study claiming that the industry spends nearly double on marketing drugs as it does on researching new medicines. . .

Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 9:45 AM
To: 'Gary Boyd'
Cc: Von Scheben; Leo (DOT); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Richards; Frank T (DOT); 'Richard Thompson'; Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Neuman; Mark A (LAA); 'Michael A Cirillo'; 'Dick LeFebvre'
Subject: RE: RE:
 Good morning Mr. Boyd.

Thank you for taking the time to write expressing your view about Willow Lake and a lake use plan. While I personally agree that the issues between aviation and recreational use of the lake could be fixed at the local level, the comments I have received indicate that there is a need for clear standards for lake use that will be known by everyone. We appreciate the fact that there hasn't been an accident on Willow Lake between a watercraft and an aircraft. However, as you have been on the lake for 18 years, I believe you can attest to the fact that there is a considerable increase in lake use by both recreational users and aircraft. Until a few years ago, the amount of comments we received in complaint of one user or another was very few and far between. The number and amount of complaints we received each year for the last three years indicates that there are problems that must be addressed. It was offered at a public meeting that a lake use plan be developed. There is merit to that suggestion.

Over the initial years of compliant, the State supported resolution of the issues by the users. However, resolution hasn't happened. When there isn't a middle ground that everyone is willing to accept, and safety has become compromised, it is the responsibility of the State, as owner of the lake to initiate action that will lead to resolution. Thus, we will work toward implementing a use plan. The focus of the workshop tomorrow will be multi-use. I anticipate a few more such meeting between now and the start of the summer season, when a plan will be implemented.

I checked with Central Region and was informed that letters were mailed December 31, and a public notice was published and posted the same day. I guess you could say Gary that our motives are to develop a safe operating environment for all users of Willow Lake and I hope you will be a participant in achieving this goal by attending this and follow-up workshops. Again, thanks for writing and expressing your views.

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From: Gary Boyd [mailto:gboyd@accalaska.net]
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To: Stroman, Ronald A (DOT)
Cc: Von Scheben; Leo (DOT); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Richards; Frank T (DOT); Richard Thompson; Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Neuman; Mark A (LAA); Michael A Cirillo; Dick LeFebvre
Subject: Fw: RE:

Mr. Stroman, I concur with the Holzman's position on this issue. Why is DOT in such a hurry to implement a management plan when there is no recorded/verified incidents of conflicts between aircraft and watercraft. I've been on the lake for 18 yrs and have yet to see an aircraft have to make a go-around because of a conflict with a watercraft. This proposed lake management plan is not needed. Once again DOT has failed to notify property owners in a timely manner. . . . makes one wonder about your motives and what's really driving the train?
 Regards,
 Gary & Dixie Boyd

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From: Linda Holzman

To: Stroman, Ronald A (DOT)

Cc: Michael A Cirillo ; Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) ; Richard Thompson ; Dick LeFebvre ; Neuman, Mark A (LAA) ; Palin, Sarah H (GOV) ; Von Scheben, Leo (DOT) ; Richards, Frank T (DOT)

Sent: Friday, January 04, 2008 2:15 PM

Subject: Re: RE:

Hi Ron,

Please tell me what authority you are using to waive the 30 day notice period as required per AS 44.62.190? A PUBLIC WORK SHOP, ("TO HELP WRITE A WILLOW LAKE USE PLAN THAT WHEN IMPLEMENTED WILL ALLOW SAFE USE OF THE LAKE"), is a very IMPORTANT MEETING, AS IT IMPLIES THAT THE USES OF THE LAKE WILL CHANGE.

We the public NEED NOTICE, so that we can plan our time to participate in these meetings. I think that is why we have AS 44.62.190, so that the BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC CAN BE SERVED.

Again, I ask you what date did you post the notice of the meeting in the Daily News?

I know you posted the notice on the State of Alaska's "On Line Public Notice" on January 3, 2008. That gives us 5 days notice which is not sufficient notice time.

I still have not received the notice or the draft plan, that you mailed, what date were they mailed? No one I know has received your notice.

After 40 years of DOT'S NON-MANGEMENT of the lake why are you pushing this so fast. Our last meeting was on October 10, 2007. You had plenty of time to plan the next meeting with a full 30-day legal notice period. Huggins and Neumans office just stated that they would be sending their representatives to the meeting as they are both in Juneau.

As a property owner, I can not help but feel that DOT is trying to push off their agenda on us without our full knowledge or input, we know that "DOT OR AVIATION HOLDS THE TRUMP CARD", BECAUSE YOU HAVE TOLD US MANY TIMES.

Willow Air Taxi is not operating on the lake until next summer. Historically, there are no recorded accidents with aircraft on the lake, WHAT IS THE RUSH?

I agree we need meetings and solutions that meet THE BEST USE OF STATE LANDS/WATER.

Thanks, Linda

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From: Stroman, Ronald A (DOT)

To: Linda Holzman

Sent: Friday, January 04, 2008 9:02 AM

Subject: RE:

Good day Ms. Holzman

Notice has been posted and published of the up-coming workshop. I've checked with Central Region and they say the letters did go out to everyone so I hope you've received it. Notice of less than a month is typical for public workshops. We were trying to set this meeting up so that Senator Huggins and Representative Neuman could attend, as people requested—the session starts soon after.

Please let me know if you did not receive the draft plan.

Ron Stroman
Chief, Statewide Aviation Leasing
Division of Statewide Aviation

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From: Linda Holzman [mailto:lindalu@alaska.net]

Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2008 11:50 AM

To: Stroman, Ronald A (DOT)

Cc: Palin, Sarah H (GOV); Richards, Frank T (DOT); Neuman, Mark A (LAA); Huggins, Charlie (LAA)

Subject:

Hi Ron,

I see that you posted notice of the workshop meeting for Willow Lake Use Plan on the States of Alaska "Online Public Notice Page", today January 3, 2008, at 9:29 am. What is the normal posting time to notify all interested parties of a public meeting? Is five (5) days normal? Many of us are interested and need to make plans to attend these meetings and would like to know how much time you will give us before holding a public meeting.

Thanks, Linda

10/29/2009

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Unknown

From: Meera Kohler [mkohler@avec.org]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 1:41 PM
To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV)
Cc: Notti; Emil R (CED); craig.campbell@alaska.gov; Campbell; Craig (MVA); Monegan; Walt C (DPS); Schmidt; Joseph D (DOC); Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Joule; Reggie (LAA); Olson; Donny (LAA)
Subject: RE: Ongoing Disaster in Kivalina - Need for Action
Importance: High
<<NWAB Disaster Declaration 9-25-07.pdf>> <<Letter to Governor.doc>>

<<Kivalina Emergency Transfer Plan 2007Oct9.doc>>

Dear Governor Palin,

Almost three months ago I sent the email below and these three attachments requesting State action to cover the emergency response costs being experienced in Kivalina. I have had no formal response and there does not appear to have been a state disaster declaration.

Alaska Village Electric Cooperative has spent \$570,000 to respond to the September 13/14, 2008 storms, culminating in relocating 10 of its 13 tanks to an area deemed to be safer than their prior location. AVEC does not have the financial wherewithal to simply absorb an operating expense of this magnitude and we have repeatedly requested assistance from the State, with no results.

There appears to be a perception that, because AVEC is a cooperative serving 53 villages, we should be able to incur an expense such as this and spread the cost between all 53 villages. The question that must be posed is – if this had happened in Buckland or Deering, would the local electric utility be expected to absorb such a cost? The answer is – no, not only could they not do that, they would simply have been unable to accomplish the tank move and, no doubt, the State would have stepped in and done it for them.

There is no justification for treating AVEC any differently than any other small local essential service provider that is under threat. The State of Alaska and the US Coast Guard summoned AVEC to a meeting in late September and essentially directed us to proceed with moving the tank farm. Two weeks earlier, the Coast Guard informed AVEC that our 100,000 gallons of fuel were an imminent threat to the community due to the rapidly eroding shoreline adjacent to the tank farm. At that time, our fuel supplier had already been contacted by ADEC and the USCG to explore the possibility of removing the fuel from the community. AVEC was willing to remove the fuel, but it could not have been brought back to the community again by barge. At that time, the Department of Homeland Security informed AVEC that we could be liable for millions of dollars in damages should our actions precipitate an evacuation of the community and the USCG informed us that we could be liable for millions of dollars in cleanup costs should our fuel be spilled due to beach erosion. Relocation of the tank farm was deemed by the USCG, ADEC and DHS to be the best course of action. Assurances (verbal, of course) were given that State disaster funds would be forthcoming.

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AVEC has been placed in an extremely uncomfortable position by the lack of action at the State level. Our only source of operating funds is from our membership. This project provided no benefit to anyone other than those residing in Kivalina and our board will have to consider recovering the costs from the electric consumers in Kivalina. This will mean a surcharge of about 50 cents a kilowatthour for all electricity sold in Kivalina over the next 12 months.

I think it is unreasonable of the State of Alaska to not step up to the plate in a case like this where a bona fide disaster existed and continued to unfold. The community of Kivalina has responded to the best of their ability, as has AVEC. We should not be left holding the bag!

Sincerely,

Meera Kohler

Meera Kohler
President/CEO
Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc.
4831 Eagle Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
Voice: (907) 565-5531
Fax: (907) 562-4086
Email: mkohler@avec.org

From: Meera Kohler
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 2:34 PM
To: 'sarah.palin@alaska.gov'
Cc: 'emil.notti@alaska.gov'; 'craig.campbell@alaska.gov'; 'craig.campbell2@us.army.mil'; 'walt.monegan@alaska.gov'; 'joseph.schmidt@alaska.gov'; 'talis.colberg@alaska.gov'; 'patrick.galvin@alaska.gov'; 'mike.nizich@alaska.gov'; 'larry.hartig@alaska.gov'
Subject: Ongoing Disaster In Kivalina - Need for Action

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Dear Governor and members of the Disaster Policy Cabinet,

I apologize for the informal nature of this email, but I have authorized the commencement of an expensive project to relocate the AVEC tank farm in Kivalina, and in fact have received a "Kivalina Emergency Transfer Plan" (attached) from ADEC appropriating \$25,000 to assist us in speeding up the fuel transfer if necessary. Of course, if the plan should be activated, ADEC has informed us that we would be billed for any expenditures they might make.

The crux of the issue is that significant expenditures are being made by AVEC to respond to this ongoing disaster and, despite the Northwest Arctic Borough's September 25th disaster declaration, there has been no action on the state's part other than the above mentioned action by ADEC.

By the attached latter, I am urging you to please take whatever action is necessary to assist

10/29/2009

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AVEC and the community of Kivalina to respond to the untenable situation that we are in.

Sincerely,

Meera Kohler

President/CEO

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4831 Eagle Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99503

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Fax: (907) 562-4086

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 5:43 PM
To: Sally Heath; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Map

Cool about libby. I'll tell kris

-----Original Message-----

From: Sally Heath
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Jan 7, 2008 5:43 PM
Subject: Re: Map

Probably--we'll check with him. Just returned from 3 Bears. Visited a bit with Libby Riddles and her friend Sebastian who's been doing the mushing. She said to let you know she'd love to be at any of the 50 yr celebrations with you.

----- Original Message -----

From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: "Sally Heath" <salheath@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 4:11 PM
Subject: Map

> Cam Jed/Jud weld a magnet on the back of my gold nugget alaska map
> pin. It

broke

> Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 4:32 PM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Contracts in 2007 2008

Total bottom line ?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 16:19:17

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: Contracts in 2007 2008

Governor:

Some DOT numbers are:

- * \$467 million in contracts related to construction for infrastructure (highways, aviation, marine highway, ports and harbors) awarded for the State Fiscal Year 2007
- * \$565 million in contracts related to construction for infrastructure (highways, aviation, marine highway, ports and harbors) awarded for the Calendar Year 2007
- * \$675 million anticipated in construction contracts for Calendar Year 2007

An additional breakdown of the numbers by mode of transportation and region is attached if you need further detail.

Thanks,

Randy

From: Siroky, Mary P (DOT)

Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 12:27 PM

To: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)

Cc: Von Scheben, Leo (DOT); Richards, Frank T (DOT); Veasey, Teri A (DOT); OBrien, Mark A (DOT)

Subject: Contracts in 2007 2008

Randy

\$564,877,385 = construction contracts awarded in Calendar year 2007

\$675,270,639 = anticipated construction contracts for Calendar year 2008

Attached is a one pager that shows where the \$ by region and whether aviation, hwy, facilities or marine.

ANC redevelopment is the concourse work at the anchorage international airport

Let me know if you have any questions.

-m-

Mary Siroky

DOT&PF Legislative Liaison

465-4772

mary.siroky@alaska.gov <mailto:mary.siroky@alaska.gov>

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 3:23 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Invitation to give Plenary Welcome to ASHSSS 1 March 2008

-----Original Message-----

From: Gary Laursen [mailto:ffgal@uaf.edu]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 11:40 AM
To: chancellor@uaf.edu
Cc: ASHSSS-Teachers
Subject: Invitation to give Plenary Welcome to ASHSSS 1 March 2008

Chancellor Jones:

Gary here with another request and invitation for you to give our Plenary Welcome to ASHSSS participants at 8:00am, 1 March 2008 in Nat.Sci.

I have attached a list of pertinent 'bullets' you might use in comments to be made, if you can accept our request for your presence.

Cheers, Gary.

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 2:11 PM
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Confirm?

Got it - both

Bruce hadn't seen my edits when I got it down to 3700 words. He edited the draft up to 4300

-----Original Message-----

From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Jan 7, 2008 1:27 PM
Subject: Confirm?

Can you confirm you received my draft from late last night (either at 11 pm or else in the last 15 min from this email acct)? Thx

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Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 2:04 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR)
Subject: Re: Habitat

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 13:59:01

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Habitat

Governor-

Has there been any movement on this? FDN and ADN have both called about "rumors" they have been hearing.

Sharon Leighow

Deputy Press Secretary

Deputy Communications Director

(907) 269-7450 Anchorage

(907) 465-4031 Juneau

(907) 240-7943 cell

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 1:34 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: Email

I only have my state email acct on the BB

----- Original Message -----

From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Sent: Mon Jan 07 13:32:48 2008
Subject: Email

I've been on my Blackberry today since I accidentally left my state laptop at home. Consequently, if you've been sending email to me at my personal acct I haven't seen it. Sorry bout that. I only have access right now to sr.parnell@alaska.gov

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 1:33 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Email

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Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 1:18 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw:

Been at appts all day, but this is what I emailed to you last night around 11:15 pm. Did you get it then??

----- Original Message -----

From: Sean Parnell <[Privileged or Personal]>
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Sun Jan 06 23:21:07 2008
Subject:

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 12:32 PM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Subject: Re: Law School and Governor Hickel

How could we afford this?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 11:53:28

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Law School and Governor Hickel

Dear Governor Palin,

Governor Hickel has arranged to bring a group of people to my office on Wednesday to discuss his hopes for a law school in Alaska. I know you had asked me about this before. Have you taken a position on this? Please let me know. Thanks Talis

Unknown

From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 11:04 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: Work Ready/College Ready Transitional Skills Assessment REGULATIONS

This is one of those heads up about a regs package that might be a story...not necessarily negative--it will however be another test these kids are required to take on top of existing testing.

----- Original Message -----

From: Hooley, Jason M (GOV)
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Showalter, Kristine D (GOV)
Sent: Mon Jan 07 10:59:28 2008
Subject: Work Ready/College Ready Transitional Skills Assessment REGULATIONS

The State Board has adopted regulations relating to the work ready/college ready transitional skills curriculum and assessments. The regulations will go into effect at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. They will require all 6th and 8th graders to take new benchmark assessments in the three main areas of Applied Math, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Also, 11th graders will be required to take the WorkKeys® <<http://www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/CTE/workreadyfiles/docs/wk-tech-internet.pdf>> assessments in those same three areas, at the state's expense.

JASON HOOLEY

OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SEAN PARNELL <<http://ltgov.state.ak.us/>>

907 . 465 . 3520

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 11:03 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Tour of providence entities was great but they must not have known I didn't have an hour for the full tour. I'm just leaving it now.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 10:47 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Trying to leave. Lots to see here

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 9:27 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Todd
Subject: Sched

School mtg tomorrow 630 pm in Wasilla. And Gene's event is sometime this wk but I don't need that one on sched.

Pls sched me and girls rtn to Juneau on friday afternoon instead of night.

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 9:17 AM
To: Cockrell; Robert A (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Oil

Do you have time to get truck oil changed today? Or let me know where I should take it.
Thanks!

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 9:17 AM
To: bigdogg502@aol.com
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2008 5:11 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Ms. Lisa Webber
address: 2122 Hunter Mill Rd. Balto. Co. MD 21161
410 343-0378

MESSAGE:

Dear Sarah,

re: Helping disabled soldiers to hunt again

from: Military Mom

I am a proud mother of a soldier, my only son who is 18, is also my hunting partner of many years. I am a former Md. DNR Ranger /Naturalist, and a lady hunter. My son and I are grateful for our ability to walk to and from our hunts, enjoy all the beauty and peace of mind we find in the wilderness. We decided to share our abilities and recently started a program here in Maryland, called " Huntin' Buddy's " for disabled troops. An idea one year ago, one that has changed our lives,

I am the founder and coordinator of this volunteer service we provide to help our troops that are so badly injured to hunt again, most of which were hunting prior to deployment. We have gone to Army hospitals and met many soldiers, I arrange hunts, transportation, lunch, woodland camo. clothing by donations, and depend on our volunteers to arrive ready to help. We have had several deer and goose hunts in 07' with some patients who are amputees. We carry them into woodlands and marsh, and lakesides, form groups and sit next to the soldiers during our hunts. They love getting outdoors again and feeling safe with our groups, I also assist them to handle bows and firearms again with their disabilities on target ranges. However, Maryland Game laws are written so that these troops have to take Hunter safety and buy a Md. license, which would only be used on a very minimum basis. some only once. They are still active duty, patients in a hospital, under therapy and rehab. They are from other s

tates, So far, I have taken our troops out in the field with the understanding that they cannot hold a weapon during a hunt. (I find this to be unusual after they just fought for our country, and lost limbs in the process.) . Many more civilians, business owners and all walks of life have joined "Huntin' Buddy's" to help. How would I get some kind of special exception permit made for our disabled soldiers ?

Can you give me any suggestions as to who do I direct this matter ? We are in the process of a web site in near future.

Thank You,

Lisa Webber

this is my son's E-mail address, subject "Forestghost" is me.

bigdogg502@aol.com

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 8:35 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey
Subject: Re: Political Attack Coming

No mtg with oil gas yet- that SoS is becoming a huge bear and I need to keep working on it. I suppose u guys could meet without me for a first stage approach.

No need to do providence stop by for u. I'll get there if I can.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 07 Jan 2008 08:32:02

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Political Attack Coming

Will do. Colleen is good at this too. I'll get w/Frank this morning and brainstorm. Unless you'd like me to attend the Providence thing at 10 am with you which is an FYI stop by on your calendar. Let me know. Also, can work on setting up a meeting for early afternoon with the folks you mentioned if that works for you.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 8:06 AM

To: Frank Bailey; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Re: Political Attack Coming

In letters to editor - mike heimbuch's today - would u tell him thanks! Right on! Hit the nail on the head!

we need folks like tara fradley to spend time doing such things too. Statewide letting folks know we appreciate their public, bold support.

Kris- would you ask her to do so and let sharon and beth know of this need so they'll assist.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Frank Bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, 7 Jan 2008 16:54:51

To: "SP" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Political Attack Coming

Sure would be nice if we could develop a way to offensively address these without making us look like we're jumpy. I'll rack my brain a bit this morning.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 7 Jan 2008 16:40:22

To: "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Fw: Political Attack Coming

Confidential.

We're going to need oil and gas communication folks help us get a calm message out when these aggressive attacks start. Just fyi!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 7 Jan 2008 16:38:41

To: "Pat Galvin" <patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>, "Marty Rutherford" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Political Attack Coming

Yes- and they're meeting with Native Corps to turn them against us also. It's not good. But it's also disingenuous. I'd like to find time to sit with those whom I can trust on this - you guys (Tom, Marty, Pat), plus Bruce, Kris, Frank and Sharon... so we can strategize on this.

I hear from the worker bees in the field that Industry is on a roll against us - on a rampage because they had no idea they wouldn't get their way on all issues.

We need more bodies in Communications to help on this, too, so Alaskans know the truth about the situation and aren't tempted to panic due to Industry spin.

And we don't win ball games merely playing defense. We must go on the offense too.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)" <patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>

Date: Sun, 06 Jan 2008 23:05:59

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>, "Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>, "Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>, "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Subject: Political Attack Coming

Governor,

Both Marty and I have heard rumblings lately of a strategy being developed by the producers and their allies to attack the administration, ACES in particular. So far we have heard the sketchy outlines of two aspects of the strategy:

* The producers, led by BP, are planning to attribute budget cuts and project shut-downs to ACES. The difficulty for them is that most of the cut-backs are completions of the integrity upgrade work started 18 months ago with the Prudhoe Bay problems. They will face a delicate balance in trying to announce the cuts, while also wanting to avoid looking like they are not living up to their environmental/system integrity commitments. We'll see how they play it. Most likely they will find some on-the-bubble projects to "cancel" and then pile on all the system integrity pink slips as additional "costs" of the ACES-related project cancelations. The job loss numbers will likely look significant, and will cause a lot of public wringing of hands.

* In a reference to the ACES "standard deduction" that only allows producers to increase costs at Prudhoe and Kuparuk by 3% each year, producer-friendly legislators (i.e. Ralph

Samuels) will introduce legislation to limit the state budget to no more than 3% of the previous year's budget. The purpose seems to be to embarrass those who support ACES, and also want to increase the budget. They are probably counting on the administration opposing the idea. Given your budget announcement (1% increase in agency budgets, 4% overall GF increase), there may be a way to endorse some aspect of the idea. It's sort of an odd fit, since we are working on the FY2009 budget this year, and the Standard Deduction expires with the 2009 calendar year tax returns.

Both of these efforts are merely part of a larger strategy to do anything to make the administration look bad. After AGIA and ACES, and particularly with the full rejection of the SGDA contract, the producers are seriously ticked. Those who regularly work with the oil industry say that the feelings are extremely strong, and they will look for any opportunity to turn the public against us.

As far as the producer cut-backs are concerned, there is not much we can do about it other than express skepticism at their motives (given \$100 oil), and point to the investments of other oil companies (a Nikiatchuq announcement this spring would be huge).

With the legislative actions, I think we can position the administration in a good place once we know the details of the proposal. Our strong, consistent message of fiscal conservation and savings will protect us from most of the attacks.

Hope this heads up helps...Sorry it's not better news.

-Pat

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 8:40 AM
To: wowmom303@aol.com
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Saturday, January 05, 2008 9:55 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Mare Chambers
address: PO Box 868 Kenai AK 99611
907 776 5365

MESSAGE:

I believe that everyone needs to know when they are doing a good job. I don't believe the Governor should be any different and although I am one little voice out here, I personally wanted to congratulate you on you first year. I can honestly say that I cannot remember when I have felt so genuinely confident and proud of someone I voted for. I can't wait for the day you are in Kenai and perhaps stop at the Job Service Center. With your permission of course, I would very much love to give you a hug. Bet you get lots of hugs don't you? Well, very much deserved. I hope you are governor forever.

wowmom303@aol.com

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I'm sure that this will come up in our meeting/teleconference with = Henri Bisson and Mark Myers today, but I wanted you to be aware in = advance.

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

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